

First Preliminary Amendment

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Joseph L. Mark

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For: FLUID CONNECTOR AND BIOPSY SYSTEM
INCLUDING SAME

Examiner: J. G. Hoekstra

AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

MS Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated December 15, 2008, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.